

DRAFT MINUTES

**City Neighborhood Council
Monday
January 27, 2003
West Precinct Conference Room
810 Virginia St.**

Members: Irene Wall (Northwest), Lisa Merki (Southeast), Cindi Barker (Southwest), Chris Leman (Lake Union), Doug Lorentzen (Mag./ Q.A.), Pete Spalding, (Delridge), Ann Donovan (Capitol Hill), Catherine Stanford (Downtown), Victor J. Barry (Mag./ Q.A.), Dennis Ross (Southwest), Jeannie Hale (Northeast) Stephan Lundgren (Ballard), Colleen Dooley (Lake Union- Alt.)

Other Attendees: Susan Crowley (OIR Director), David (OIR)

City Staff: Brent Cook , DON

Irene Wall called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

1. Welcome, Introductions

Susan Crowley and David Foster from (OIR)

2. Review Agenda, Approval of Minutes

AGENDA

Brief discussion regarding CHIRP to include Budget Committee Street Fund. Also adding discussion of the monorail to the agenda. Planning Committee will review notes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion of three sets of meeting minutes. Questions regarding October minutes. Confirmation that a budget letter was distributed to everyone. Minutes will be posted on the website. In the past resolutions have not been published for months. The final minutes, not the drafts will be posted to the website. Questions concerning a draft letter w/ Leman proposal. Chris wanted to add more language to the proposal, not sure that they ended up in the final proposal.

September Minutes:

Discussion of NMF committee report and a Sept. 30th DON departmental email.

November Minutes:

Budget committee met with Rebecca and Brent. Rebecca and Brent will be discussing budget issues with the City Council. Discussion of major institutions letter. Contract between the City and City University who could potentially be the largest employer in the city. Major Institutions that end up being 20 times the size they were originally intended to be and reports that the Master Plan is 40 pages long. The City Council cut the Major Institution position but didn't cut the workload. This topic will be addressed on a future agenda. School Use Advisory Committee reports of selling surplus property.

3. Guest Speaker, Susan Crowley, OIR Director

Handouts: 2003 State Legislative Agenda

City of Seattle 2003 Legislative Bulletin

Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

Weekly bulletins are posted on-line. The Executive Branch deals with Federal, State, Regional, and Tribal issues. State Legislature adopts their agenda every year. Gain input from key departments regarding relevant issues. OIR collects information and sends drafts to the Mayor. Legislative Agenda is the blueprint for the upcoming year. It's divided into three sections: Session Priorities, Session Objectives and a Statement of Policy which is the catch-all and deals with all the big issues.

Session Priorities deal with the substance of issues and prioritizes how to focus time. What we want, how do we get it, how to save it. Latest transportation issues involving Referendum 51 losing. Alaskan Way Viaduct is a big priority in terms of work next year. A larger financing package will be made available. 520 will require additional dollars. Other revenue sources could include the B&O tax.

Other issues: Expansion of the Levy LID. Voters must approve funding.

1-695. King County Public Health and State dollar shortfall.

Public Health and Human Services there is a 2.4 billion-dollar deficit. Governor will be making cuts and will get rid of programs. Human Services and Health Care will suffer.

Water: How do we protect our valuable resources? There may be an increase in utility tax.

Statement of Policy: 2,000 - 5,000 bills introduced this year. The issues that came up were gambling which got a lot of airplay. OIR will take these issues back to the Mayor and City Council to determine what direction to go. Currently, they are in week 3 of a 15-week session. There is a 2.4 billion-dollar deficit. The Senate has a Republican Majority and the House has a Democrat majority. There are new members and OIR will be monitoring issues such as transportation.

Questions:

C.L.: The website is now publicly available, will there be earlier drafts posted on the web? Concerned about the amendments to the public disclosure act. Can't find the final draft on the web.

Every year the buildable land bill comes up. Addresses certain number of housing and jobs and could potentially be subject to penalties.

Also, questions regarding the Public Monorail Authority in regard to whether or not the bondholders will be paid even if it doesn't go through.

D.F.: I don't recall anything related to the Public Disclosure Act. It's possible that the department made a request but it didn't make it into the final draft. In regard to buildable lands, it's a perennial bill that comes up every year. Legislature has changed the financial situation. It costs \$7 million for Comprehensive Plan Updates. Carrot/stick approach to taking new growth. In regard to the Monorail, the contract lobbyist is Gregg Hanren. The Mayor and council are supportive, but opposed to anything that would take away their authority. They will do their own lobbying.

C.L. It's my impression that the bill would reduce their authority and they don't have to pay the contractor if it doesn't get built.

D.L.: Concerns of abolishing the WA State Library. They are refurbishing the Capitol and there is a lack of funds. The City must support keeping the WA State Library. The City of Seattle has good relations with rural commentates and the City of Seattle always has strength.

Dennis: Concerns of Tax Increment Financing. We need to take a look at development incentive and a way for Infrastructure to be built in Seattle such as our sewer system. It could allow developers to bring in more taxes. The State doesn't have it and the push is from the City jurisdiction to provide it. T.I.F. has the attention of City Council members.

This is a \$5,000,000 pilot project that would be for a term of four years.

I.W. EDGE: \$5 million pilot project which alters tax increment financing. The EDGE proposal costs \$5 million a year with a one million maximum per project. This is used across the country. EDGE uses sales tax not property tax. Property tax requires a Washington State amendment.

S.L. SR-520? Alaskan Way Sea-Wall? Completion of Burke Gillman Trail?

There is a viaduct leadership group that has been looking at the E.I.S. scoping. Two years ago there was support for the Alaskan Way/ Magnolia Bridge. Also in the works is the talk of the streetcars. How hopeful are we to get any transportation dollars or human service?

The climate is that general tax increases will be voted down. There could be a small liquor tax. In Gambling Entertainment video slot machines could be allowed in bowling alleys and bars. Pull-tabs bring in revenue a source that is currently being looked at. The governor set the ceiling at 2.4 billion. With regards to Transportation, it's too early to tell. R-51 there will be more discussion. Possibly a Statewide vote on a 3-5 cent gas tax. We met with Aaron & Peter and we're putting together an agenda. Transportation will be on their agenda. There will be amendments on the Regional Transportation Agenda. We will not be able to do enough. In terms of Regional Transportation there are not enough busses, need to encourage trip reduction.

S.L. What about the Ferry system

Susan: Kitsap ought to be able to opt into the system.

V.B.: Gambling in Discovery Park?

Susan: Non-tribal gambling. Council does not support legislation that gets rid of local authority and control. The political climate is that there has been turnover in both Houses. A Republican put a Democrat in charge of the committee. How are we going to do this? It's very political with the usual blow-ups in committees.

G.H. Is there more moderation?

David We don't have enough people in the middle. Both sides are polarized. We need more people in the middle; it's a very political and volatile process.

Susan: They no longer meet in the Capital building. With a massive budget problem and a make shift portable space in the library bad tempers fly. Senator Ross has been good.

The Alaskan Way Viaduct and 405 are a top priority.

I.W.: Question on Page 2 of Priorities. Will there be an additional tax on Seattle and other municipalities for water?

Susan: Shawn Larson is in charge of energy and water issues. Water rights issues are ongoing battles. Not much has been accomplished in 10 years. Can we protect our water? The priority is that quality is protected at the Cedar River Watershed but there are competing interests.

L.M. What about the issue of the Bonneville Power Line for Salmon?

Susan: This is a Federal issue. Governor looks at municipal water bills. SPU is reviewing and assuring that our claims are not diminished

4. Committee Reports: Operations

Budget Committee

S.L. Budget Committee will meet in March/June/September /December, on a quarterly basis. Location will be in this building, dates haven't been established. Proposed topics include:

Mid-biennium report.

Review established priorities for various departments
Neighborhood Street Fund - Project only street fund, CRF projects
Richard Conlin's Transportation Forums and when will they be held? CNC will be glad to participate.
Budget concerning Major Transportation Infrastructure and helping to facilitate a discussion.

There is a 6 Point workplan for the Budget Committee

1. CIP adjustments
2. Energy cost & Utilities
3. All Volunteer Advisory Committee
4. City Light SPU
5. ?
6. ?

C.L. Is there a vice chair or co-chair? This would be a good way to help the committee/

S.L. I support a vice chair. I'd like to hear what his or her involvement would be.

I.W. Anyone interested in joining the budget committee?

C.B. It would be valuable to share a list of neighborhood contacts and facilitate a way in which people could comment on the workplan.

I.W. With the changes going on the budget we will be closely monitoring those changes and paying close attention to Council Agenda Items.

S.L. There is no CHIRP report. With the Libraries For All we're looking into a funding apparatus for the \$200,000 bookmobile. Margaret Paegler has suggested a short-term loan.

Neighborhood Planning Committee

Minutes have been sent to the District Councils. There is a 3-point action plan with the key issue being the Monorail.

L.M. December minutes include issue of the monorail with the workplan only as it pertains to Neighborhood Plans. There is a discussion that CNC should form a Transportation Committee. One Monorail work item pertains to the Comprehensive Plan deadline. Tom Hagler will come to Feb, or March meeting with compiled results. The agenda item in the policy docket, Rebecca provided items in the handout. Items shaded in gray are completed, not shaded - they a documentary (a test). Same line has been completed and additional activity.

C.L. LID doesn't mention Richard Conlin - SDOT and Street Vacation Process. Design Guidelines? Neighborhoods have gotten out of the loop. There are also legislative decisions on Jan. 6th regarding sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic signals. The decision on traffic signals now has an appeal period of 14 days. This has terrible limitations. By the time most anyone hears of the proposal, the appeal period has lapsed.

L.M. With the monorail it is important that we go back and take a second look at everything.

S.L. There is an unfunded mandate. We can get briefed. Neighborhood parking is an issue. Jennifer went away and Rebecca is stuck with it.

C.B. Venn Knox is coming in March. There are keymembers that can't make the March date. City Design Center?

3 Action Monorail Plan needs to check w/ CNC and work with the budget committee-securing budget to open up neighborhood plans.

S.L. Absolutely not, Crown Hill may be its own neighborhood. In Wallingford there is not enough money.

I.W. Is it okay to work with the Budget committee and open up the neighborhood plans?

C.L. Should not be limited to financial needs. There may be amendments. We should discuss with Stewardship groups. Since there is no money available this is raising some questions and will raise issues for neighborhoods and stewardship groups.

C.B. Richard Conlin's Transportation committee to form a subcommittee. There would be a greater presence in transportation.

G.H. Great idea, especially for transportation areas

C.B. We have a proposal for a whole new Transportation Committee; there is time on the agenda later to discuss.

Catherine: I support a transportation committee, but there needs to be prioritization.

C.L. It's great that there is interest in a Transportation Committee, but the official purpose on the CNC is neighborhood planning, the matching fund and the budget. This is way off-course.

I.W. We will look at this further in the Executive Committee.

D.R. When the CNC was conceived there was no Monorail. We need to amend our agenda to include it. This is an important issue to stay close to.

S.L. I'd like to second it. The plan goes through every neighborhood.

C.L. Why the monorail, what about Light Rail?

S.L. Sound Transit and Metro, we've missed the boat. We focus on Sound Transit in Ballard and currently there are two planning areas that are unrelated. There is unfinished work in transportation and the common theme is that there isn't sharing of information and in regards to the Monorail, folks aren't hearing the same information.

C.B. It's important to have a grassroots network monitor these issues.

L.S. But Sound Transit got slowed down by public process.

P.S. We need to create a committee through the CNC; it's not going to slow down the process. There needs to be a watchdog organization to get at the unanswered questions. For instance what about Spokane St.? Where is the proposed parking? What about Metro and how will the Monorail affect bus routes?

D.L. We'll have to learn to live with the speed. Queen Anne has tried publishing a scoping document that has been reviewed by professionals (See handout)

C.L. We don't have a proposal. Before we decide to form a transportation committee we need to know the other alternatives. Should we form a working group?

I.W. We need to balance all of CNC's responsibilities. We would need to present to District Councils to be assured that they agree.

Catherine: I will volunteer

I.W. This should occur before the executive board meets before the next CNC meeting. I'm welcoming any other suggestions. What about budget priorities, O.I.R., etc.

C.B. I'd like to discuss the Major Institution loss of staffing and advisory bodies. It is out of sync w/ goals and staff. Other issues of concern with staff cuts and budget cuts

1. Neighborhood matching fund
2. Neighborhood Plan Implementation. D.O.N. doesn't have the staffing it had. This should be a new agenda item?

G.H. **Motion** - CNC write a letter to restore staffing - City University where DON staffing is mandated.

Motion: That CNC write a letter urging the City Council to restore funding for DON staffing for all Major Institutions as required by the Code & City Contracts.

C.L. I second the motion

D.S. Amendment that restores this staffing for all major institutions.

S.L. We need quality staffing. We'll find someone to do it. It's possible to bring in people from outside DON. People currently are in charge of major institutions who don't have much background and aren't qualified and experienced.

G.H. **Motion: That CNC write a letter urging the City Council to restore funding for DON staffing for all Major Institutions as required by the Code & City Contracts.**

All in Favor- NO OPPOSED.

C.B. Monorail is our topic and needs to be responded to via scoping. John Carney? - Knows all the issues in Ballard and West Seattle.

I.W. What about neighborhood planning implementation. Scoping comments that address the socio-economic aspects with provisions in the future.

C.B. I propose that this be accepted "as is" with no more wordsmith.

D.L. I move that we adopt this.

Catherine: I second it

C.L. Any friendly amendments?

C.H. I'll add to the motion to add some amendments with some editorial comments.

I.W. I will sign this as the Chair of CNC.

V.B. Less is more. Question page ADC of job creation loss.

I.W. Socio-economic analysis of green line with Final E.I.S. issues. What is the potential for business to be zoned out? Second type jobs will be lost or gained? The Scoping comments proposed resolutions regarding E.I.S. and land use.

S.L. Comments on E.I.S. regarding final implementation. Cost mitigation environmental issues and fiscal impacts need to be addressed to recognize the cost.

I.W. There will only be modest changes. **All in favor - None Opposed**

I.W. C.H.I.P. One minute report

Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee

D.L. Neighborhood matching fund passed seven budget provisions pertaining to four technical specifics
Allocation of "A"

Round slowed down in award Feb. March (different issue)

Budget Provisions (3 of interest)

Information - been decided

Question of interpretation - no room for interp.

1. NMF- none of the money approved for large project can be used for operation and maintenance - CRT a little bit easier

2. CAP on projects of \$100,000

-Coming in on phases

-\$100,000 total for any one project NMF - CAP meant to be a CAP - any single project or related phases

3. Large Projects - property acquisitions - escalation of prices of property

\$125,000 - 1 Million dollars - Other means for groups to acquire property. Up for discussion

Constraints - CRT will have to deal

C.L. Received a video highlighting neighborhood plan implementation How was the Video & production paid for - Funded out of Neighbor Fund - How Much?

S.L. What about the finding that is locked up \$200,000 for streetcar

Legal department allocated. Pot of money - opportunity fund. Libraries for All additional LFA brand new Library \$200,000 Book Mobile - \$300,000

Take \$200,000 - allocate it somewhere else

C.L. Book Mobile - not dedicated to any neighborhood. Dedicated already to underserved areas, i.e. South Park.

C.L. Funds for the other \$100,000 Book Mobile is extremely important - Library hasn't placed greater priority. This is a bad signal not to do this.

S.L. There is additional supplementary money such as allocation of funds for the new field - computer technology. Implementation of field computer

Opportunity Fund

-One Vendor for Book Mobiles

I.W. Lets try to find an additional \$100,000 to keep Book Mobile proposal available.

Suggestions - Other items

Candidate for vacant position International District - ties to I.D.?

I.W. Are there any recommendations? In the past there were round robins with two districts per meeting. In terms of education what is going on city-side implications?

Next month there will be useful information two districts per sessions.

C.H. It's time consuming - We should submit two or three sentences to the District Council

- C.L. Three minutes overwhelmed. Focus on area policy issue
One organization issue. Policy Topic Success story or problem
- I.W. Volunteers?
Pete Spalding and Victory Barry
- I.W. Sandy Brooks a Thank You was sent

Old Business/ New Business

New Items of Business.

D.L. The Route of Monorail? New proposal to round the North End of Seattle Center with Station in the middle. - Put it at Northwest rooms adjacent to business district

Resolution?- agreement.

Next time Monorail Board - Through the Seattle Center

C.L. I would like to hear the Monorail Board make a presentation
Also, proposal of the next guest will be Diane Sugimura in February.
Feb. 7th end of scoping and meeting for March will be too late.

C.B. Station selection by March

S.L. arguing for Feb.

D.L. SPMA board issue?

I.W. Starts to deviate from our mission

A.D. sent out to District Council

D.L. sent out to District Conch.

I.W. Are we inviting someone from Monorail board?

C.B. You're supposed to listen to the neighborhood.

I.W. Yes, Someone from SPMA

P.S. Forms- discussion

A.D. Judy Nicastro -public meeting in Feb. regarding Diane Sugimara - specific questions.

5. Adjourn